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SUBJECT: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE

FROM AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE

REF: STATE 171832

1. I CONTINUED IN COURSE OF THE DAY TO PRESS HADDAD TO OBTAIN CONCURRENCE OF CO-SPONSORS TO MAKE CHANGES RE THE TWO OBJECTIONAL WORDS, BUT PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE WORD QTE STRONGLY UNQTE. FOR TACTICAL REASONS I HAD NOT INDICATED DEPT'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT QTE TAKE UNQTE. AFTER OUR LAST MEETING AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION HADDAD UNDERTOOK CANVAS OF CO-SPONSORS IN ENDEAVOR TO GET THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF DELETION QTE STRONGLY UNQTE ALTHOUGH HADDAD UNPREPARED TO EVEN DISCUSS WITH THEM QTE TAKE UNQTE. SHORTLY AFTER MY RECEIPT OF THE DEPT'S REFTEL, HADDAD
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INFORMED ME HIS EFFORTS HAD BEEN FRUITLESS AND HE

HAD IN FACT BEEN SUBJECTED TO EXTREME CRITICISM BY
NUMBER OF ARAB DELEGATES FOR EVEN SUGGESTING AMENDMENT
AT THIS TIME.

2. I THEN SPOKE WITH HADDAD ALONG THE LINES
AUTHORIZED BY REFTL. HE EXPRESSED GREAT RELIEF AND
GRATIFICATION AND ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO
REPEAT NO TROUBLE IN REJECTING ANY ADDITIONS
TO, OR CHANGES IN, PRESENT WORDING. HADDAD
SAID HE HAD IN FACT ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN REJECTING ONE
AFRICAN ATTEMPT (ABOUT WHICH WE HAD HEARD EARLIER)
TO INCLUDE PARA APPLYING SOUTH AFRICAN TYPE TREATMENT
TO ISRAEL.

3. HADDAD REPEATED THAT PRINCIPAL MOTIVATION
IN WHAT HE TERMED QTE EXTREMELY MODERATE RESOLUTION UNQTE
WAS TO ACHIEVE UNANIMITY WITH US AFFIRMATIVE VOTE
RATHER THAN NEGATIVE VOTE OR ABSENTION.

4. IN ABSENCE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS I BELIEVE
WE MAY HAVE NOW OVERCOME ONE OF THE MOST FORMIDABLE
OBSTACLES AT THE SAME TIME AVERTING SANCTIONS AGAINST
ISRAEL WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN INEVITABLE. I
FULLY AGREE WITH DEPT'S EVALUATION THAT,
GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES, BOTH NEAR AND LONG TERM INTERESTS
OF U.S. AND OF ISRAEL BEST SERVED BY ADOPTION OF
THIS RESOLUTION WITH OUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE. I
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE
APPRECIATION OF DEPT'S PROMPT, UNDERSTANDING
AND HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE.

5. I HAVE PERIODICALLY INFORMED ISRAELI DELEGATE
OF DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER AND SHALL ARRANGE
A MEETING WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO
INFORM AS APPROPRIATE OF FOREGOING. VOLPE

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